# PART III: NON-PHARMACOLOGIC PAIN TREATMENT

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# NON-PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT

- SELF-MANAGEMENT
- CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT
- COMPLEMENTARY TREATMENT
- INJECTION PROCEDURES
- IMPLANTED DEVICES

# **SELF-MANAGEMENT**

- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY!
  - START AT 5 MIN/DAY, WORK UP TO 30 MIN/DAY AEROBIC ACTIVITY
  - VERY GRADUAL
- SELF-MASSAGE TOOLS
  - THERACANE, BODY BACK BUDDY, ETC
- \$25 ON AMAZON.COM
- HOLD TRIGGER POINT WITH LIGHT-MEDIUM PRESSURE FOR 10-15 SEC



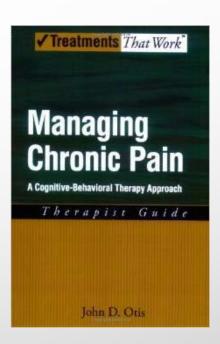
# **CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT**

- PHYSICAL THERAPY
  - ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL!
  - EARLY INSTITUTION
  - EXPERIENCED PROVIDERS
  - TAILORED TREATMENT
- POOL THERAPY
  - BRIDGE TO LAND-BASED PT
  - WARM POOLS



# **CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT**

- BEHAVIORAL MEDICINE
  - RELAXATION THERAPY
  - BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION
  - EDUCATION
  - BIOFEEDBACK
  - COUNSELING/THERAPY CBT
  - HYPNOSIS
- BENEFICIAL FOR ALL!
- RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF MOOD ON PAIN AND VISA VERSA
  - CENTRAL SENSITIZATION



# **CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT**

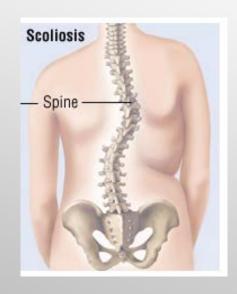
- COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE
  - ACUPUNCTURE
  - ACUPRESSURE
  - MASSAGE THERAPY
  - TAI CHI
  - MINDFULNESS MEDITATION



# INJECTION **PROCEDURES**

# CHRONIC SPINE PAIN

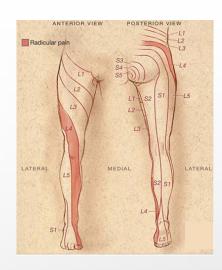
- MECHANICAL
  - SCOLIOSIS, ARTHRITIS, STENOSIS, DEGENERATIVE
  - FACET ARTHROPATHY, SACROILIAC JOINT ARTHROP.
  - FAILED BACK/NECK SURGERY SYNDROME

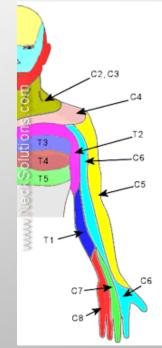




# EPIDURAL INJECTIONS

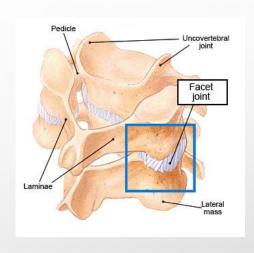
- EPIDURAL INJECTIONS
  - LOCAL ANESTHETIC + STEROID INJECTED INTO EPIDURAL SPACE SURROUNDING NERVE ROOTS
    - CLEARS INFLAMMATORY MEDIATORS AND REDUCES INFLAMMATION/COMPRESSION
  - INDICATED FOR RADICULAR UPPER EXTREMITY OR LOWER EXTREMITY PAIN
    - BURNING, SHOOTING PAIN IN SPECIFIC DISTRIBUTION TO DISTAL AREA OF LIMB
    - NEUROLOGIC DEFICITS → RADICULOPATHY, "JUST" PAIN RADICULITIS
  - ALSO INDICATED FOR SPINAL STENOSIS AND POSTHERPETIC NEURALGIA
  - DIFFERENT APPROACHES DEPENDING ON NATURE AND LOCATION OF PAIN
  - RELIEF LASTS 2-4 MONTHS ON AVERAGE

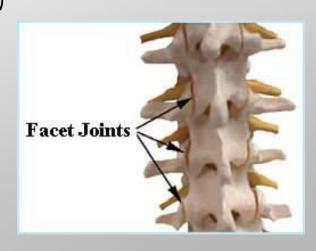




## FACET ARTHROPATHY

- PAIN JUST OFF MIDLINE, WORSE WITH EXTENSION/ROTATION
- DOES NOT CAUSE RADICULAR PAIN BUT PAIN CAN RADIATE LOCALLY
- CAN DEVELOP DUE TO ARTHRITIS, MISALIGNMENT
- INJECTIONS:
  - THERMAL ABLATION OF NERVE BRANCH THAT INNERVATES THE JOINT (OLDER)
    - LASTS 6-9 MONTHS, CAN BE REPEATED
  - INTRA-ARTICULAR STEROID INJECTIONS (YOUNGER)
    - LESS EFFECTIVE,





# SACROILIAC JOINT INJECTION

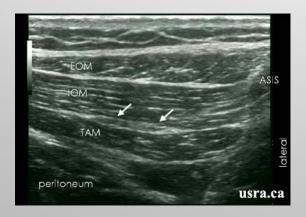
- JOINT AT INTERSECTION OF SPINE AND PELVIS
- SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT AND WEIGHT LOADING
  - CAN DEVELOP PAIN DUE TO ARTHRITIS OR MISALIGNMENT
- PAIN OVER SI JOINT WITH RADIATION INTO BUTTOCK AND POSTERIOR THIGH
- "FABER" PROVOKES PAIN
  - FLEXION, ABDUCTION AND EXTERNAL ROTATION OF HIP
- LOCAL ANESTHETIC + STEROID, LASTS 3-4 MONTHS



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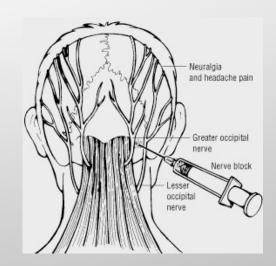
# PERIPHERAL NERVE INJECTIONS

- ILIONINGUINAL NERVE BLOCK
  - INDICATIONS: ILIOINGUINAL
    NEURALGIA (GROIN PAIN
    AFTER INGUINAL
    SURGERY/TUMOR)
  - STEROID + LOCAL
    ANESTHETIC LASTS APPROX
    3 MONTHS



#### OCCIPIAL NERVE BLOCK

- Indications: Occipital neuralgia (occipital pain/HA after surgery or tumor)
- Steroid + local anesthetic –lasts approx 3 months



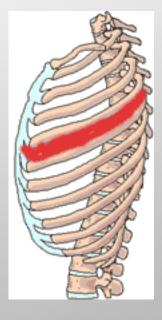
# PERIPHERAL NERVE INJECTIONS

- GENICULAR NERVE BLOCK
  - INDICATIONS: CHRONIC KNEE PAIN,
    NOT OPERATIVE CANDIDATE
  - DIAGNOSTIC NERVE BLOCK WITH THERMAL ABLATION IF SUCCESSFUL
  - SUCCESS 50/50



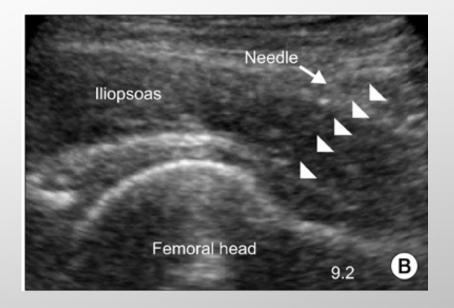
#### INTERCOSTAL NERVE BLOCK

- Indications: Intercostal neuralgia, Chronic rib pain (post-thoracotomy)
- Local anesthetic + steroid



# JOINT INJECTIONS

- HIP, KNEE, SHOULDER MOST COMMON
  - PAINFUL OSTEOARTHRITIS OF JOINT
    - DX WITH X-RAY
  - STEROID + LOCAL ANESTHETIC LASTS APPROX 3 MONTHS
  - HYALURONATE VISCOSUPPLEMENTATION
    FOR KNEES MAY LAST 6-12 MONTHS
  - ULTRASOUND, FLUOROSCOPY, "BLIND"



# INVASIVE INJECTIONS AND IMPLANTED **DEVICES**

# SYMPATHETIC BLOCKS

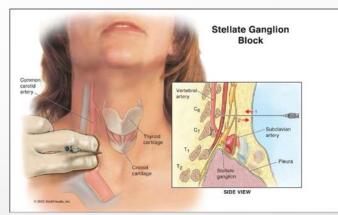
- DIAGNOSTIC
  - IS THE PAIN SYMPATHETICALLY MEDIATED?
- THERAPEUTIC
  - LOCAL ANESTHETIC BREAK THE CYCLE
    - SERIES OF SYMPATHETIC BLOCKS + PT FOR CRPS
  - STEROID LITTLE EVIDENCE
  - CHEMICAL NEUROLYSIS DENATURE THE NERVES
    - TERMINAL CANCER

# SYMPATHETIC BLOCKS

- STELLATE GANGLION
  - NEUROPATHIC PAIN OF THE FACE, NECK,
    SHOULDER OR UPPER EXTREMITY
    - CRPS, PHANTOM LIMB, PHN

#### LUMBAR SYMPATHETIC BLOCK

- NEUROPATHIC, SUSPECTED SYMPATHETICALLY-MEDIATED PAIN IN THE LOWER EXTREMITY
  - CRPS, PHANTOM LIMB PAIN, ISCHEMIC
    PAIN/VASCULAR INSUFFICIENCY





## SPINAL CORD STIMULATION

NEUROMODULATION: PROVIDE ALTERNATE INPUT TO SPINAL CORD TO "COVER UP" PAIN

- LEADS IMPLANTED IN EPIDURAL SPACE CONNECTED TO AN IMPLANTED BATTERY SOURCE
  - PATIENTS UNDERGO "TRIAL" FIRST WITH TEMPORARY PERCUTANEOUS LEADS FOR 3-7 DAYS
- MULTIPLE DEVICE COMPANIES, STIMULATION METHODS/PARAMETERS
- INTERNATIONAL NEUROMODULATION SOCIETY:



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# SPINAL CORD STIMULATION

#### • INDICATIONS:

- NEUROPATHIC PAIN IN LIMBS
  - PERSISTENT RADICULAR PAIN, PHANTOM LIMB PAIN, POSTHERPETIC NEURALGIA, BRACHIAL PLEXUS INJURY
- FAILED BACK/NECK SURGERY SYNDROME

#### RAPIDLY CHANGING

- HIGH-FREQUENCY SCS: EFFECTIVE FOR AXIAL LOW BACK OR NECK PAIN?
- DORSAL ROOT GANGLION SCS: GROIN PAIN, ILIOINGUINAL PAIN, INTERCOSTAL PAIN, RADICULOPATHY?
- NEW WAVEFORMS/PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES: BURST, HIGH-DENSITY, ETC.

## SPINAL CORD STIMULATION

- DOWNSIDES:
  - INVASIVE
  - COMPLICATIONS
    - INFECTION OR MIGRATION RATE 3-10%
  - DIMINISHED EFFECT OVER TIME (5+ YEARS) IN SOME PATIENTS
    - MAY BE LESS WITH NEWER WAVEFORMS
  - DOES NOT TREAT MYOFASCIAL OR MECHANICAL PAIN
  - NOT ALL SYSTEMS ARE MRI-COMPATIBLE

# PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMULATION

- SIMILAR TO SPINAL CORD STIMULATIC
- INDICATED FOR SPECIFIC NERVES
  - OCCIPITAL NEURALGIA
  - ILIOINGUINAL NEURALGIA
- MAY HAVE A ROLE IN CHRONIC MIGR
- EMERGING FIELD
- INSURANCE COVERAGE CHALLENGING





# THANK YOU!

• QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?